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Victim Services Grants Renewed For 36 Maryland Organizations

Funds Total Just Over One-Million Dollars

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services today announced awards to more than two dozen state organizations that provide services to victims of crime. These funds, totaling \$1,049,499, are first year and "continuation" grants: each award recipient is receiving a first, second or third year of funding to support their program. The recipients serve Marylanders in communities from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore.

"With these awards, we are able to provide much-needed assistance for victims of crime," said Governor O'Malley. "Working together with the courageous men and women in law enforcement, we continue to focus on the strategies that work to drive down crime. Though we know these awards can never fully replace the pain and trauma that victims endure, through the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund, we can work to provide the support and comprehensive services they deserve."

(EDITORS: A complete list of the recipients with the amount of their awards is attached)

The grants are awarded under the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) Fund. MVOC supports programs that serve victims of crime in Maryland. Each project addresses a wide variety of problems, among them: funding for forensic evidence collection services for sexual assault victims; assisting victims as they obtain peace and protective orders, providing crime victims with legal counsel in the criminal justice system, linking mental health professionals with available services, training to local and state criminal justice agencies and non-profits and supporting lethality assessment programs in cases of domestic violence. These projects all address the needs of the underserved crime victim and witness population, including assistance for Spanish speaking victims.

The MVOC Fund was created by the Maryland General Assembly during the 1991 Legislative Session and is administered under the State Board of Victims' Services, under the authority of GOCCP. The Board's purpose is to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of victim services throughout the criminal justice process. Its mission is to ensure that all crime victims in the State of Maryland are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victim services, support and programs.

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COUNTY	RECIPIENT	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT
Allegany	Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.	Crisis Support and Intervention	\$13,837
Anne Arundel	Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (MCASA)	Bi-Lingual Advocate Support	\$30,152
Anne Arundel	YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	Arden House Crisis Advocate	\$28,102
Anne Arundel	YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	YWCA Court Advocate	\$33,367
Baltimore City	Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.	CAC Bilingual Forensic Interviewer	\$11,520
Baltimore City	Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Trauma-Based Treatment Center	\$28,015
Baltimore City	Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice (MOCJ)	Sex Offense Victim Advocacy	\$16,890
Baltimore City	Mercy Medical Center	Advocacy Response to Sexual Assault	\$13,850
Baltimore City	Tahirih Justice Center	Legal Services for Immigrant Women & Children	\$30,163
Baltimore City	Roberta's House, Inc.	Homicide Survivors Transformation	\$32,000
Baltimore County	Northwest Hospital Center	Lethality Assessment	\$35,000
Baltimore County	TurnAround, Inc.	Victim Advocacy	\$35,000
Caroline	Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Bilingual Victim Assistance Project	\$35,000
Carroll	Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Lethality Assessment	\$34,850
Cecil	Cecil County, Maryland	Victim Witness Coordinator	\$35,000
Cecil	Cecil County, Maryland	Domestic Violence Victim Advocate	\$30,780
Charles	Center for Children, Inc.	CAC Victim Advocate	\$32,256
Harford	Harford County Sheriff's Office	Victim Services Support	\$1,435
Harford	Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. (SARC)	Protective Order Advocacy and Representation	\$30,833
Howard	Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.	Innovative Clinical Interventions	\$35,000
Kent	Kent County Department of Social Services	CAC Victim Advocate/Coordinator	\$17,402
Kent	Kent County Board of County Commissioners	Victim-Witness Service Provider	\$35,000
Montgomery	Family Services Agency, Inc.	Trauma Therapy for Children of Domestic Violence	\$29,946
Prince George's	Community Advocates for Family & Youth	Latino Initiative Program	\$26,998
Prince George's	Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.	LSCV Legal Services	\$75,000
Prince George's	Prince George's County, Maryland	Victim/Witness Coordinator	\$35,000
Prince George's	Prince George's County, Maryland	Special Victims Advocate	\$35,000

Prince George's	University of Maryland - Office of Research Admin. & Advancement	Victim Advocacy Services	\$25,350
Queen Anne's	Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services	Family/CARE Coordinator	\$35,000
St. Mary's	Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy	Domestic Violence Victim Impact	\$27,855
St. Mary's	St. Mary's County Department of Social Services	Child Victims of Sexual and Severe Physical Abuse	\$17,029
Talbot	For All Seasons, Inc.	Sexual Assault Victim/Legal Advocate	\$27,000
Talbot	Talbot County Government	Victim Services	\$26,800
Washington	CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.	Domestic Violence Crisis Resource Counselor	\$35,000
Washington	Meritus Medical Center	SAFE Training Program	\$18,218
Wicomico	Life Crisis Center, Inc.	Victim Advocate Program	\$22,351
Worcester	Cricket Center, Inc., The	CAC Family Advocate	\$17,500
		TOTAL	\$1,049,499